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SUBJECT: ICELAND - FRG FISHERIES TALKS

1. SECRETARY GENERAL OF FISHERIES MINISTRY TOLD
EMBOFF TODAY THAT THIS WEEK'S FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS
WITH FRG IN BONN HAVE NO BETTER THAN FIFTY-FIFTY
CHANCE OF SUCCESS. SEC GEN JON ARNALDS, WHO WILL
BE PART OF FOUR MAN ICELANDIC DELEGATION, SAID THAT
WHILE GOI NEGOTIATING POSITION CONTAINS SOME ROOM
FOR FLEXIBILITY, ICELAND IS ADAMANT IN DEMANDING
CURB ON FACTORY TRAWLERS WITHIN 50-MILE LIMIT.
GIVEN WHAT HE CALLED EQUALLY FIRM FRG CONTRARY
STAND, ARNALDS SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE
POSITIVE OUTCOME. GOI WOULD THEN HAVE TO CONSIDER
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WHETHER IT WORTHWHILE TO PURSUE TALKS FURTHER.

ICELANDIC NEGOTIATORS DUE TO RETURN OCTOBER 25.

2. OVER LONG TERM, ARNALDS PREDICTED GRADUAL
ABANDONING OF LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL FISHING BY
MAJOR WESTERN EUROPEAN POWERS AS RESULT OF TREND
TO EXPANDED NATIONAL CONTROL OVER THEIR TRADITIONAL
FISHING GROUNDS. INSTEAD, SAID ARNALDS, THESE
COUNTRIES WOULD SEEK ARRANGEMENTS WITH SUCH
COUNTRIES AS ICELAND, DENMARK, AND NORWAY THAT
WOULD ASSURE THEM ADEQUATE SHARE OF LATTERS'
CATCH. ICELAND HAS ALREADY BEEN RECEIVING FEELERS
ALONG THESE LINES.
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